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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ella Colbert

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 109,111-113,115,117-119 and 121 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 109,111-113,115,117-119 and 121 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 109, 111-113, 115, 117-119, and 121 are pending. Claims 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, and 121 have been amended and claims 114 and 120 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in the communication file 07/17/06 entered as Response After Non-Final Rejection and Request for Extension of Time.
2. The IDS filed 04/14/06 and 8/29/06 have been reviewed and considered.
3. The amendments to the Specification have overcome the objected to amendments to the specification and are hereby withdrawn.
4. The previous 35 USC 112 first paragraph rejection and 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection in the previous Office action of 03/14/06 have been overcome by the amendments to the claims and those rejections are hereby withdrawn. However, there are remaining 35 USC 112 first paragraph rejections and 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections still remaining in the amended claims as set forth here below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
6. Claims 109, 115, and 121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. There are steps missing in the claims that are critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976). Claim 109 is in improper format for a method claim. The second claim

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limitation should begin with "Searching the first database ...; retrieving the piece of the first information ...; retrieving the second plurality of pieces of the second information ... by searching the second database ...; retrieving the piece of the first information and its properties corresponding to the unique identifier by searching the first database; a setting step ... of the retrieved pieces of ... of the retrieved pieces of the second information; a preparing step for preparing ... the retrieved pieces ... with the retrieved piece ... of the retrieved pieces ...; and formatting the printing data for printing the retrieved piece of the first information ..." . Claims 115, and 121 have a similar problem. Claims 111-113 and 117-119 are also rejected because they depend from a rejected base claim.

Once these issues have been resolved an examination will be given on the claims with the newly added steps.

Inquiries


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 25, 2006


ELLA COLBERT
PRIMARY EXAMINER